

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims have been amended in a manner consistent with the Examiner's recommendation.

Claim 8 previously depended on independent claim 7. Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8. Because allowable claim 9 previously depended on claim 8, which itself depended on claim 7 and because claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8, claim 9 has been amended to depend upon amended claim 7.

Because independent claim 7 has been amended such that it is now allowable, claims 10, 11, and 12, which depend thereon, are also now allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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